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58. **(Previously added)** An isolated polypeptide which specifically binds a Toso protein, wherein the Toso protein comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 90% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

59. **(Previously added)** A polypeptide according to claim 58 that is an antibody.

60. **(Cancelled)**

61. **(Currently amended)** A antibody according to claim 59 that modulates the biological function of a Toso protein in apoptosis.

62. **(Previously added)** A antibody according to claim 61 that reduces or eliminates the biological function of a Toso protein.

63. **(Previously added)** A antibody according to claim 61 that increases the biological function of a Toso protein.

64. **(Currently amended)** An antibody according to claim 59 directed against a peptide of the extracellular domain of SEQ ID NO:2.

65. **(Currently amended)** An antibody according to claim 59 directed against a peptide of the cytoplasmic domain of SEQ ID NO:2.

66. **(Cancelled)**

67. **(New)** An antibody which specifically binds a Toso protein having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.